

Support for the claim amendments and new claims is readily apparent from the teachings of the specification and the original claims, specifically claims 17, 18, 23, 25 and original claim 10.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

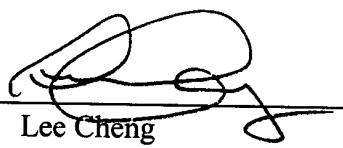
It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is thus respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application or believes that direct communication with the Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 34 has been amended as follows:

34. (Amended) A method of screening comprising using the peptide according to any one of claims 13, 30, 31 and 32 to screen [substances] for a compound which inhibits the activity of said peptide as a calcium channel modulator.

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